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Minutes

**Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters
Department of Public Safety, Bldg B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780
February 27, 2013, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 9:45 a.m., followed by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Henry Geryk, Chairman
William Gallagher
John Viola
Frank Norton
Pauline Lally
William Young
Jennifer Revill
Leo Fahey
Dan Dumont
Mark Fortune

Guests Present:

Carrie Torrisi, Assistant General Counsel
John Rogers, DPS Chief of Insp. - Mechanical
Brian Logan, Supervisors of Eng. Inspectors
Cesar Lastra, Technical Code Coordinator
Kelly Castilloux, Applicant
Doug Neveu, Notch Mechanical
Brian Finn, Business Agent, Local 669
John P. Livingstone, Business Agent, Local 669
Brett LaPlante, PPF Local 51
Pierre Groleau, PPF Local 4
Chuck Borstel

Board Members Not Present:

Michael Torchio

2. A motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting was made by Mark Fortune, seconded by William Young; motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. The following applications for licensure were considered by the Bureau:
 - Application from Kelly Castilloux to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Ms. Castilloux was present at this meeting. **A motion was made by Frank Norton, seconded by Pauline Lally, to allow Ms. Castilloux to sit for the RT exam; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
 - Application from Seth Garczynski to sit for the Sprinkler Journeyman's exam was considered, Mr. Garczynski was not present at this meeting. **A motion was made by Mark Fortune, seconded by Jack Viola, to allow Mr. Garczynski to sit for SJ exam; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
4. Pipefitting Regulation Discussion

- a. Pipefitting Regulation: Chief Rogers began by clarifying for the Bureau that, following re-review by DPS, the language of Section 52 clearly states that master pipefitters shall be grandfathered under the process piping provision. Discussion as to whether current holders of master pipefitters licenses would need to provide proof of process piping experience in order to receive the process piping license under the grandfathering clause. Leo Fahey has asked that the Bureau be provided in writing the DPS interpretation which addresses this; Chief Rogers said all Bureau members will receive a copy of this interpretation in writing.
- b. The Bureau moved on to discuss incorporation of applicable ASME code into the new pipefitting definitions. The Bureau clarified that they can at this time make determination as to which systems should fall under which license category as follows, in adopting ASME code:
 - i. ASME 31.9 and 31.1 should be part of power piping
 - ii. ASME 31.3 should stand alone as process piping
- c. The matter of adding the 'pipefitter welder' to the regulation was discussed. It was pointed out that welding certifications must be renewed every six months, and are very specific to the type of material being worked, which would make it difficult to formulate a state licensing exam. It was additionally noted that a welding restriction on a state pipefitting license would be insignificant without the ASME certification for specific welding duties.
- d. It was agreed that the Bureau will meet next on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at 9:30, in Taunton.

5. New Business

- a. Brian Finn, Local 669, brought up the matter of sprinklerfitter applications being denied by DPS without explanation, and applications taking an unusually long time to process at DPS. Chief Rogers said that he would meet with the business agents after the Bureau meeting adjourns.

6. With no remaining topics on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

**Action items to be addressed at the next meeting are indicated by an asterisk*

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will be on Wednesday, March 27, 2013.